

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 13 and 18 have been amended. Claim 13 has been amended to be in independent form without narrowing its scope. The amendment to claim 18 broadens that claim. Claims 1-12, 19 and 20 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added. Claims 13-18 are pending.

Specification

The specification was objected to for informalities. Applicant has amended the specification on page 5, line 30 to replace the lens reference number from “21” to “12”, thus overcoming the objection to the specification.

Allowable subject matter

Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 13-18 contain allowable subject matter. Claim 13 has been amended to be in independent form. Thus, claim 13 is in *prima facie* condition for allowance. Claims 14-18 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 13, and thus are likewise in *prima facie* condition for allowance.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 6, 12, 18 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. This rejection is moot with respect to claims 6, 12 and 20, which have been cancelled. Claim 18 has been amended to remove the term “weak”, thus overcoming the rejection.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-12, 19 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,416,609 to Matsuda et al. (hereafter “Matsuda”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,675,727 to Sekizawa et al. (hereafter “Sekizawa”), and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,774,274 to Schachar (hereafter “Schachar”). This rejection is moot in light of the cancellation of claims 1-12, 19 and 20.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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